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SUBJECT: PRAVDA REPORTS FAVORABLE US PRESS REACTION ON SIMON VISIT
TO MOSCOW

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1. APRIL 20 PRAVDA CARRIES TASS DESPATCH DATED LINED WASHINGTON
STRESSING IMPORTANCE PLACED BY "AMERICAN POLITICAL OBSERVERS" ON
FACT THAT TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON, RECENTLY IN MOSCOW FOR MEETING
OF US-USSR JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION, WAS PERSONALLY RECEIVED BY
CPSU SECRETARY BREZHNEV.

2. ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT AMERICAN PRESS INTERPRETS ATTENTION GIVEN
TO AMERICAN DELEGATION TO MEETING AS INDICATIVE OF "STEADY
COURSE OF SOVIET LEADERSHIP IN FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-
AMERICAN AMERICAN ECONOMICS

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WITHOUT REVISION OF DISCRIMINATORY US
TRADE AND CREDIT LAWS. ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TABOR IS
CITED AS HAVING EMPHASIZED IN PRESS CONFERENCE THAT MEETING WITH
BREZHNEV MADE GREAT IMPRESSION ON US DELEGATION, AND THAT
BREZHNEV AND OTHER HIGH SOVIET OFFICIALS HAD PERSONALLY NOTED
THEIR INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE IN LARGE
VOLUME AND OVER LONG PERIOD. ACTING SECRETARY TABOR ALSO CITED AS
SAYING THAT LACK OF MFN AND RESTRICTIONS ON EXIM BANK CREDITS ARE
MAJOR OBSTACLES TO DEVELOPMENT OF US-SOVIET ECONOMIC RELATIONS--
RESULT BEING LACK OF ORDERS FOR US FIRMS AND LACK OF JOBS FOR US
LABOR.

3. COMMENT: SOVIET PRESS COMMENT ON US DOMESTIC PRESS REACTION TO
VISIT OF CABINET-LEVEL OFFICIAL--AS OPPOSED TO US DOMESTIC PRESS
REACTION TO VISIT HERE BY PRESIDENT--IS UNUSUAL. ALTHOUGH TONE
AND THRUST OF ARTICLE IS SELF-SERVING IN EXTREME, WE FIND IT
INTERESTING AS A CONTINUATION OF LINE TAKEN IN SOVIET PRESS LAST
FALL--BEFORE TRADE BILL BECAME LAW. THIS IS THAT US ADMINISTRATION,
MOST OF US BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AND LARGE SECTIONS OF US PUBLIC
STRONGLY SUPPORT EXPANSION OF TRADE WITH USSR, EXTENSION OF MFN
AND CREDITS. NEW ADDITION TO THIS LINE IS REFERENCE TO ASSISTANCE
WHICH US ECONOMY WILL RECIEVE IN FORM OF MORE FACTORY ORDERS AND
MORE JOBS. FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PATOLICHEV ALSO MADE THIS POINT
IN HIS EFFUSIVE COMMENTS ON INCREASE OF SOVIET TRADE WITH DEVELOPED
CAPITALIST WORLD PUBLISHED IN PRAVDA APRIL NINTH (REFTEL).

4. THE FAVORABLE TONE AND GENERALLY FAVORABLE SUBSTANCE OF THIS
ARTICLE CONTRAST SHARPLY WITH OTHER SOVIET PRESS MENTION OF THE
US OVER THE WEEKEND. COVERAGE OF US ACTIONS AND OFFICIAL STATE-
MENT ON VIETNAM, REPORTED SEPTTEL, HIGHLIGHTS THE CONTRAST.
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